

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 609

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Robert Boggs upon his receipt of the VBI Peter J. Salmon Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those stalwart individuals who have been recognized for their outstanding accomplishments within their chosen industries; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable person is Robert Boggs, who was recently selected as the recipient of the Volunteer Blind Industries' (VBI) Peter J. Salmon Award; and

WHEREAS, VBI was created in 1951 through a collaborative effort by the Lions Club, National Industries for the Blind (NIB), the State of Tennessee, and other interested parties to help those with vision impairment to help themselves by achieving personal and economic independence; and

WHEREAS, the award was created in honor of Peter J. Salmon, who served as the executive director of the Industrial Home for the Blind, established the first vocational placement service for blind people, developed a program that placed blind students in classrooms with sighted children, and played a key role in forming NIB; and

WHEREAS, Robert Boggs has dedicated thirty years of sterling service to Volunteer Blind Industries, including experience in multiple departments, and he is most deserving of the award; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Boggs enjoys HAM radio, working on small engines, and keeping up to date on most technology; and

WHEREAS, men of such caliber as Robert Boggs are a credit not only to their community but to the State of Tennessee as a whole. It is most fitting that the members of this

General Assembly should acknowledge and applaud Mr. Boggs, both for his well-deserved award and for the tremendous work that he has accomplished to earn it; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Robert Boggs upon his receipt of the VBI Peter J. Salmon Award, salute his many efforts with VBI, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.